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# **Grizzly Creek-FDT 2065**

Difficulty: Moderate
Trail Use: Moderate
Length: 3.4 miles

Elevation: Starts at 5994 feet, ends at 7733 feet, highest point 7733 feet

Elevation Gain: +1773 feet - 34 feet = +1739 feet

Open To: Hiking

#### Access:

- Travel west of Eagle on I-70 for 26 miles into Glenwood Canyon and take the Grizzly Creek exit.
- The trailhead is on the north side of the highway next to the upper parking lot.

#### **Trail Highlights:**

- The trail travels up from the Colorado River through the canyon cut by Grizzly Creek, following the creek most of the time.
- The first 1/2 mile of the trail is broad and fairly level offering good spots to have a picnic near the creek.
- The trail will become narrower and surrounded by dense, lush vegetation, some areas are very rocky at times.
- The last 1 1/2 miles are steep and covered with loose rocks with good views of Grizzly Creek and Glenwood Canyon near the top.
- The trail ends at a metal aqueduct that takes water out of the creek to be used for Glenwood Springs' water supply.

### **Grizzly Creek:**

- Grizzly Creek was named by a man called Ryan, a wealthy game hunter who killed the largest grizzly bear in western Colorado in 1881 near the upper part of Grizzly Creek Canyon.
- Glenwood Canyon is home to a wide variety of wildlife including mule deer, porcupines, mountain lions, squirrels and some bighorn sheep, but no grizzly bears!
- The creek bed is dense with deciduous trees and shrubs which attract numerous species of song birds.
- Although it is difficult to cast in some areas because of the dense vegetation and large boulders, Grizzly Creek offers excellent fishing for whitefish in the lower stretches and brook trout in the upper sections.

### **Important Information:**

• ALL DISTANCES ARE ONE WAY.

## PACK IT IN—PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

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